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Ohief Manager. Hongkong, September 20, 1887.

T. JACKSON,

NOTICE.

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1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their promises in Hougkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 8: Saturdays, 10

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500

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Ghief. Manager. Hougkong, September 1, 1881.

Notice of Firm.

MOTTOR. TAR. J. S. SHOUKER has CEASED to M. Ston our Firm per Propuration from "he 13th Instant.

S. J. DAVID & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1887.

Intimations.

NOTIOE.

S MIT H WINE MERCHANT. SHANGUAI.

J. D. KILLY. SAIL-MAKER

TIENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS. No. 23, Praya Control, HONGKONG.

F. W. OROSS,

Hongkong, December 16, 1887.



PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONOKONG, No. 1165.

N Emergency MEETING of the above PORTRAIT ALBUNS A LODGE will be held in the FREE- POCKET BOOKS and PURSES. MISONS HALL, Zetland Street, on MON- PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES & CASES. DAY EVENING, the 19th Instant, at 8:30 FLOWER HOLDERS. for 9 p.m. VISITING BRETHREN are cordi- INKSTANDS.

TIENDERS will be Received at this OFFICE until Noon of TUESDAY, the 20th Inst. for the Privilege of FARMING the DIFFERENT GROUPS of QUAR. RIES (separately or conjointly) which form the GOVERNMENT QUARRYING MONOPOLY, for the year 1888.

Form of Tender and further Particulars may be obtained at this OFFICE. By Command.

Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, December 12, 1887.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TIENDERS will be Received at this OFFICE up till Noon of TUESDAY the 20th Instant, for the Sole Privilege of SLAUGHTERING CATTLE within the Colony for 12 months, commencing on the 1st January, 1888. For further Particulars apply at this

> By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2426.

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HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

Annual General MEETING of the OFFICES, No. 36, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 23rd December, 1887, at 11 b Clock Forenoon.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, December 10, 1887

OANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED,

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 120 of the SHARE, Payable at the Honoxone & Shand at the rate of 10 per cent, per Annum year 1887, and notice in hereby given that CLOSED from the 19th to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

General Agents. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Rougkong, December 15, 1887.

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Proprietors. Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

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of 3 Cents per bale per month will be ISAAO HUGHES, Hungkong, November 7, 1867

For Sale.

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

THE following Particulars of SALE of

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

By Command,

CROWN LAND by Public Auction,

Hongkong, 10th December, 1887. 2430

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auc-

Particulars of the Lots.

Boundary

Measure-

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of

CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION

Hongkong, 10th December, 1887. 2431

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the

20th day of December, 1887, at 3,30

p.m., by Order of His Excellency the

Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land

in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term

Boundary

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

CROWN LAND by Public Averior

Hongkong, 10th December, 1887. 2432

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY,

the 21st day of December, 1887, at 4

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in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term

Particulars of the Lot.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

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WEDNESDAY.

the 28th December, 1887, at Noon, or

THE BRITISH STEAMER

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For further Particulars, apply, to

Hongkong, December 5, 1887.

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Auctioneer.

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FREDERICK STEWART,

Colonial Secretary.

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By Command,

of 75 years.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Particulars of the Lot.

FREDERICK STEWART,

Colonial Secretary.

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Registry Locality, Measurements.

By Command,

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FOR SALE. TULES MUMM & CHAMPAGNE, Pints......\$21 ii

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW The Co.'s Steamship Captain Ashron, will be despatched for the above THE following Particulars of SALE of Ports on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant, at

to be held on the Spot, on WEDNESDAY, Ports on the 21st day of December, 1887, at 4 p.m., Daylight. For Freight or Passago, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 16, 18×7. COMPAGNIE DES MESSACERIES MARITIMES.

AQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

p.m., by Order of His Excellency the The Co. a Steamship Commandant VAOIVER, HAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA (und IN-LAND SEA), on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

> Hongkong, December 16, 1887. FOR SHANGHAL The Steamship Captain G. BEUERMANY, will be despetched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 18th Instant,

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NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship of 1,436 Tone Gross, 922 Tons Net Re-Captain Joon, will be despatched as above on gistor, and 170 H.P., with all Her TACKLE, APPAREL and APPUR-TENANCES, as she now lies in this or about the 20th Translat. roight or Passage, apply to TERMS OF SALE .- One-third of the Pur-

Hongkong, December 13, 1887. STEAM LAUNCH will leave Pedder's Wharf STEAM, TO YOKOBAMA, VIA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Steamslup will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, 22nd December, at Daylight. E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hou kong December 0, 1887.

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS Tho P. & O. B. N. Co.'s Steamship will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, 24th December.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent P & O. S. M. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 15, 1887.

. Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo de Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.

The Co.'s Steamship Prometheus. Capt. WEBSTER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, December 13, 1887. FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND

HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL (Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship Captain F. Nagel, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.. Hougkong, December 13, 1887. 2425 INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship Capt. D'A. DE ST. CROIX, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to

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Hongkong, December 16, 1887. 2443 SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Steamship F. G. Cuaring, Com'dor, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNES. DAY, the 28th Instant.

This Steamer has superior Passenger Accommodation. For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1887.

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. Tho Steamship The Steamsnip
Guy Mannering.
Captain HALL, will be
desputched for the above Port on or about the 3rd January next. For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 244

Sailing Vessels. FOR HAVRE AND LONDON. The Aa 1, British Barque

C. E. Hone, Master, w.ll load bere for the above Purts, and will have quick despatch, For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, November 22, 1887. 2280. FOR BAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A 1 British Barque Bandaneira. AHRENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will. have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, October 21, 1887. FOR NEW YORK The American Ship

Rembrandt PAINE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, December 9, 1887.

Notices to Consignees.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. DENBIGHSHIKE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are boing landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharp & Godowa Co. at Kowloon, whonce and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained. Uptional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 22nd Instant will be subject to reut. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd Instant, or they will not he re-

No Fire Insurance has been offected. Bills of Lading will be countersigued by ADAMSON DELLAS Co.

V 1886 PASO

Agents; NORTON & Co., MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD Hougkong, October 1, 1887.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS

COMPANY, LIMITED. THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

Manager.

Hongkong, December 14, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

FREDERICK STEWART.

IN HONGKONG.

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY. NOTICE TO PASSENGERS. DASSENGERS can at the

3rd December, 1887. THE Undersigned are Sous Agents for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of

ATOTIOE is hereby given that the Third

Articles of Association, the General ITHIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central Agents, with approval of the Consulting Com tittee, will on the 2nd January, 1888, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of 85 per HAT BANKING COMPORATION, the same being in order that the same may be adjusted the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Business Notices.

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STEAMSHIP PARTHIA, FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

TIME above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate deivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignoss' risk and oxponso. ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

lougkong, December 13, 1887.

Insurances. NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY. THIS Undersigned, Agents of the above

Company, are authorized to Insure against Filtie at Carrent Rates. GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 4882. QUEEN-FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY.

ITHE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above I Company, are prepared to ACCEPT.
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. NORTON & Co.,

Agente.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000 TITHE above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all parts of the World payable at any of its

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, December 2, 1887. THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First,

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows :--Marine Department.

Pólicies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia. Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at ourrent rates. Life Department.

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G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 17, 1887. 2456. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship. Captain Scale, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 25th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 17, 1887. 2465

To-day's Advertisements:

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY... FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship Capt. BUTLER, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to BOTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hougkong, December 17, 1887. INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED:

FOR SHANGHAI. Taking Cargo de Passengers at through rates for OHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above of MONDAY, the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers. Hougkong, December 17, 1887.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAL Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.

The Co.'s Steamship Captain SELLAR, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, December 17, 1887.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship

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Capt. Thompson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 23rd Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, December 17, 1887.

Destination.

Stocks.

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New Shares 1 1,900 2

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ... 5,000 3

Punjom & Sunghie Dua Samatan 1 40.000

HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co. 17,000 8

H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld. 3,000

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited 3,800 \$

HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld. 1,250 8

Ohinese Imperial 1884 B. 8,56: [1].

* Equalisation of Dividend Fund.

STEAMBOAT COMPANIES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hongkong Hotel Company, Li....

China Sugar Company, Limited

Lazon Sugar Company, Limited.... Perak Sugar Cultivation Co......

Porak Tin Mining & S'ting Co.

Mining Co.

3,000 shs, issued

SHIPPING

MAILS will close:-

For SHANGHAL. Per Djemnah, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday, the 18th inst. Tamsici, British steamer, from Whampon Per Peking, at 9 n.m., on Sunday, the Walter Siegfried, British barque, 394 _ 18th inst. ~

Lawrence, Tientsin December 7, General For SAIGON .-Per China, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the Thales, British steamer, 820, W. Y. Hun-

Por Kutsang, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday.

Per Chow-chow-foo, at 4.30 p.m., on Tues-

Per Kunngsang, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

Per Thibet, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday,

Per Wingsang, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday,

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET,-

The United States Mail Packet Gaelic will

will be closed as follows :-

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET .-

the Mails, &c.

Packet :-

Day of Departure,-

P. & O. S. N. Co...... December 24.

Butterfield & Swire.....

Jardine, Matheson & Co.....

Butterfield & Swire

Adamson, Bell & Co......

Messageries Maritimes.....

8,228.50 at 30/ for 1 year 8153

3,059.76 7 % for 1886 | Ils. 108, buyers

314,012.96 26 %, 1886 \$874 per share

245,240 04 20 % P annum 565, sellers

494,406.00 10 % for 1885 575

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129,303.18 None

June 16&D 20.

Oct. 15

March & Sept.

+ Pepreciation and Insurance Fund.

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None

None

working a/c to June 30/87

100,000 Tis. 406,132.00 Tis. 23.65 for Fis. 259

7,713.40 75.832.52

P. & O. S. N. Co.....

Norddeutscher Lloyd December 26, at 4 p. m.

P. & O. S. N. Co...... Dec. 22, at daylight.

O. & O. S. S. Co..... December 20, at 3 p.m.

Pacific Mail S. S. Co...... December 29, at 3 p.m.

.. Siemssen & Co. December 18, at 2 p.m.

Jardine, Matheson & Co..... December 10, at 4 p.m.

Butterfield & Swire..... December 25.

Russell & Co..... About January 3.

Russell & Co.....Quick despatch.

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

be despatched on TUESDAY, the

20th Instant, with Mails for Japan,

San Francisco, the United States,

Canada, Honofulu, Peru, &c., which

respondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents

extra Postage until the time of depar-

British Contract Packet Ravemen

20th Dec., with Mails for the United

Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-

youd, vid Brindisi; to the Straits Settle-

ments, Netherlands India, Burmah,

Coylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

he usual hours will be observed in closing

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

NOON. - Money Order Office closes.

patterns ceases.

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

3.10 P.M.-Letters may be posted with

3.30 P.M .- When the Post Office closes

3.40 r.m. Late Letters may be posted

Late Fee of 10 cents until

Posting of all printed matter and

on bourd the packet with Late

Fee of 10 cents until time of

I ate of Leaving.

.. December 20, at 4 p.m.

... December 27, at noon

following hours are observed in closing

Mails, &c., by the British Contract

will be despatched on TUESDAY, the

Post-Office closes, but Cor-

day, the 21st inst., instead of as pre-

the 10th inst.

the 19th inst.

day, the 20th inst.

For SHANGHAL -

For BANGKOK,-

For SHANGHAL .-

· viously notified.

ho.21st inst.

the 24th inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA .-

ter, Taiwanfoo via Amoy, and Swatow Dec. 16 General. - DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co. For HOIHOW & PAKHOI.-Per Soochow, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the Kicong Kea, Chinose corvetto, 1,230, Capt. Wu ling Tai, Foochow December 15. 18th inst. Escort, American barque, 694, Water-For NAGASAKI.house, Chefoo December 6; Beans. - ORDER. Per Marcia, at 8.30 a.mt., on Monday,

Marie, German str., 704, W. Schaefer, Haiphong December 15, General. - WIELER DEPARTURES December 17 :--

ARRIVALS

December 17, 1887 :--

Sarthe, for Iloilo. Earn, for Amoy. Mongket, for Bangkok. Clara, for Haiphong. Yangtsze, for Whampon. Benrenue, for Singapore, &c. Tamsui, for Swatow. Taiyuan, for Port Darwin and Sydney.

Spechow, for Hollow, &c. Norway, for Whampon. Peking, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

AHRIVED. Per Sonchow, from Pakhoi, &c., Mr Nethersole, late 3rd Engineer of the steamer Per Thales, from Taiwanfoo, &c., Messrs Hastings and Marshall, and 70 Chinese.

Per Marie, from Haiphong, 1 European, and 34 Chinese. DEPARTED. Per Namoa, for Amoy, Mr A. G. Gordon. Per Mongkut, for Bangkok, 1 European

and 10 Chinese. Per Clara, for Haiphong, 150 Chinese. Per Benvenue, for Singapore, &c., 20 Per Taiyuan, for Sydney, 2 Europeans,

and 132 Chinese. TO DEPART. Per Southow, for Hollow, &c., 160 Chi-

Per Djemnah, for Shanghai : from Hongkong, Mr and Mrs A. L. Jordan and child, Messrs E. Turall, F. J. Marshall, A. Perotte and Fishwick; from Marseilles, Mr O. G. Ready, Mr O. W. Mason, Mr de Luca, Miss and Mr de Luca, Major-General O. Shaughnessy, Mr Vermorel, and 8 French Missionaries; from Singapore, Mr Ridger. For Kobe : from Singapore, Mr Oshymia, and Dr. D. Dick. For Yokohama : from Hongkong, Messrs W. ds Rusett, W. F. Tufnell, A. R. Denne and C. Danenberg. Per Haitan, for Swatow, Mr De Gelves d'Elsloe ; for Foochow, Mr Geo. Gracewood

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Per Peking, for Shanghai, 35 Chinese.

The British steamer Thales reports : Tamsui to Amoy, thence to Swatow, had strong N.N.E. winds and high sea with cloudy overcast weather. Swatow to Hongkong, moderate N.E. winds and sea, clear

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Shanghai......Jardine, Matheson & Co..... December 21, at 4 p.m.

SHARE LIST. -QUOTATIONS.

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Blackadder C. E. Hore Arnhold, Karberg & Co...... Quick despatch.

London and Hamburg Monmouthshire (s) F. G. Cuming

Marsoilles, and Ports of Call ... Melbourne (s)...... Lequerre

Nagasaki, Kobé and Yokohama Thibet (s)......

San Francisco, via Yokohama., Gaelic (8)......

San Francisco, via Yokohama... City of New York (8)......

Shanghai Peking (s) Henermann.....

Kutsang (s)......Jackson....

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet Bayern will be despatched on MONDAY, the 20th Instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, vid Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Bormah, Coylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, The hours observed in closing the Mails

&c., will be the same as in the case of the British Packet. Correspondence should be marked PER GERMAN MAIL, or with the name of the

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet Melbourne will be despatched on TUESDAY. United Kingdom, Europe, and places be- West Point. youd, wid Marseilles; to Saigon, Straits the Australasian Colonies, Pondichery, ing Service, Bunediction. Madras, Calentia, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, Se.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE FRENCH MAIL

The following hours are observed in clesing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet :---

Day before departura -P.M. -Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of departure,-. A.M. -- Post Office opens. A.M. -Registry of Letters ceases: 10.30 A.M. - Posting of all printed matter and patterns conses.

A.M. - Mails closed, except for Late 11.10 A.M.-Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until 11.30 A.M. -- When the Post Office closes

11,40 A.M.-Late Letters may be posted on hoard the packet with Late Fee of 10 conts until time o

Money Orders.

1.-Money Orders are issued at Hong. kong and Shanghai on the following coun

ries and places :-* Madeira. * Malta. Azores Is. * Mauritius. Bolgium. * Natal. Bermuda * Newfoundland. Ganada. New South Wales Canton. * New Zealand. * Cape Colony. North Burneo. Ningpo.

(Constantinople) * Norway. Port Darwin. Denmark. * Portugal. Queensland. Faikland Is * S. Helena.

P.M.-Mail closed, except for Late Foochow. Gambia. Germany. Gibraltar. Gold Coast Hankow.

Hawaii. Hothow. Hongkong. Holland. Honduras. (Br.).

* Switzerland. Iceland. India. Italy.

Western Australia. *West Indies (British, Danish, and Dutch). 2-Orders on the Countries marked * are forwarded through the London Post Office, and are paid less a small discount of about (Outward Bound :- Teresa, October 18 2d. in the £1, for which the remitter should allow. All such orders must be expressed

* Saychelles.

Shanghai.

* Sierra Leone.

Swatow.

Sweden.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

South Australia.

Straits Settlements

United Kingdom

United States

3,--The commission charged is as follows (according to the currency the Order is drawn in). Up to £ 2, or \$10, or R 20,.....0.20 cents.

£ 5, or \$25, or R 50,.....0.40 £ 7, or \$35, or 1 70,.....0.60 ,, £10, or \$50, or R100,0.80 ... - R150, ... \$1.00. 4. No Order must exceed £10 or \$50 (unless drawn on India, when R150 is the

limit), nor will more than two such Orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. 5. -Money Orders on the United Kingdom for even sums not exceeding £5 are granted by means of Postal Notes, as to which see separate notice or the Hong-

kong Postal Guide. 6.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the Ports of China by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent, for cashing them or Money Orders can be granted at Hongkong or Shanghai on Ports where there are Agencies of the Hongkong Post Office.

+ By means of Postal Notes.

General Memoranda.

2 p.m. - Auction of Japanese Curios, &c. at Mr G. R. Lammert's. 3.39 p.m. -Auction of Crown Land at

WEDNESDAY, December 21 :--4 p.m. -Auction of Crown Land at South side of Mount Kellett, The Peak.

THURSDAY, December 22 :-Goods per Denbighshire undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Queen's Road Central. WEDNESDAY, December 28 :-Noon .-- Auction of British Steamer Athol

Monday, January 2 :--Issue Interest Warrants of \$5 per Share of Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., payable at

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY. Shipping.

máti, Kaulung. Meeting.

Transfer Books of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, closed from this date

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.

Daylight .- Haitan leaves for Coast Ports. 9 a.m. - Djemnah leaves for S'hai, &c. 2 p.m. - Peking leaves for Shanghai.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES :-.M.-Rev. G. H. Bondfield. Service in Chinese, 2 P.M. - Rev. J. Chalmers, M.A.

Scamon which have been hitherto held the Mission Church, Queen's Road, will hold in the future in Union Church. On Sunday and Friday evenings at 7.30, Seamen are invited to attend.

the German language, by Rev. F. Hartmann every Sunday, at half-past ton A.M., in the the 27th December, with Mails for the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, St. Joseph's Chunch, Garden Road

> Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. on the Second Sunday; and after the evening Service on the Fourth Sunday of each month. Service every Thursday at 6 P.M. TEMPERANCE HALL, 7.30 P.M. - Undenominational Meeting

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LIMITED. Christmas Confectioner JUST RECEIVED ORYSTALLIZED FRUITS, CHOCOLATE CREAMS,

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TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE ! CHINA MAIL.]

(Via Southern Line.) THE HEALTH OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The Moctors report that the growth in

increasing. THE SUGAR CONFERENCE. The Sugar Conference advocates reprisals but England refuses.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL. Teviot, Ursula, November 11 rionethshire, Telamon, 25; Benarty, Glencoe, Hector, Lord of the Is'es, Mogul, Principia, 20 : Acamemnon, Dec. 2; Neckar, Cassondra, 6 Glenavon, August, 9; Titan, Yangtse, Carmarthenshire, Uppingham, 13; Bel lerophon, Glenearn, 16. HOMEWARD BOUND :- Mosser, Nov. 10;

Sarpedon, Strathleven, 25; Yorkshire, Weilingdorf, Dec. 6; Glamorganshire, Gienfinius, Telemachus, 9; Iraquaddy, Sunter, Niobe, 13. The P. M. S. S. Co,'s S. S. City of New York, with the AMERICAN MAIL to the

19th ultimo, left Yokohama on Tues day, the 13th instant, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 18th inst. The steamship Sindh, with the FRENCH Mail of Nov. 18, will leave Singapore on Sunday, the 18th instant, at 7 a.m.

and may be expected here on or about Christmas day, the 25th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 11. The Navegazione Generale Italiana Co.'s steamer Bormida left Singapore for this

expected to arrive on or about the 18th The O. S. S. Co. steamer Promethens, from instant, and may be expected here on or about the 19th instant.

Singapore on the 14th instant, and

for Hongkong on the loth inst, at The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Lacytes, from coming. At the conclusion of the cere-

or about the 23rd inst. 17th instant, and may be expected "here on or about the 24th inst.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEOBAL -- 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Matins: Voluntary, Pious Orgies, Handel, Venite, Tucker Paalma, Barning To Doum, Lawes | Jubilate, Garrett Anthem, "Incline thine ear to me Kyrie, Boyton Smith ; Hymn, 53;

Evensong Voluntary, Andante, Hopkins Paglms, Troutbeck, Magnificat, Smart Nuno Dimittis, Fosier; Anthem, Enter not into judgment; Hymne, 47 & 54; Voluntary, Sing unto God

THE steamer Denbighshire has gone to dock, and will have three blades of her propeller. replaced.

WE have received from Mr Alexander Levy, the Agent of the South British Insurance Company, a handy blotting-pad with memorandum-block attached.

MESSES Butterfield & Swire inform us that the O. S. B. Co.'s steamship Lacries, from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday for this

THE M. M. Co.'s steamship Single, with the French mail of November 18, is to leave Union Church. Diving Worship, 11 Singapore on Sunday, the 18th inst, At 7 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Christmas Day, the 25th inst. This SEAMEN'S SERVICES.—The Services for Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on October 11th.

> Wong Achu, a fishmonger, who was convicted in the Police Court to-day of snatching a pair of jadestone carrings from the ears of a married woman, was sentenced by Mr Wodehouse to six months' hard labour, and also to receive a whipping of

IP Lam and Ip Afung, the masters of two licenced boats, were charged on remand, before Mr Mitchell-Innes in the Police Court to-day, with making fast their vessels to the S. S. Honam while she was under way in the harbour on the 8th inst. Ir-Wilkinson appeared for the defent its, who pleaded not guilty. After hearing evidence his Worship bound the de andants over under a penalty of \$50 each to be of

THE Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, from 7.30 till 10 o'clock. The following will be the

March National Unity of Overture Guy Mannering Valse Teadresso .. First Kina! Fantasia Rem. of England

Selection H. M. S. Picofore There will be no band performance in the Garden to-morrow and on Christmas

BEFORE Mr Wodehouse, in the Police Court to-day, a hawker named Lan Akwan was charged with knowingly tendering two counterfeit coins to a shopkeeper The shopkeeper said prisoner had given one of two imitation dollars produced in paymentfor some sausages and had received change. Shortly afterwards, prisoner returned along with another man and tendered the second dollar, saying he wanted cents in exchange for it. The shopkeeper became suspicious and had the dollar examined, with the result that he had the prisoner arrested. The

of works of art will have a rare chance next. week of making many valuable acquisitions. Messrs Kuhn & Co., being hampered for space for their large stock, have instructed the throat of the Crown Prince is rapidly Mr. G. R. Lammert to dispose of some 2,000 lots of their valuable collection at his sales' rooms; and the sale takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday week. The lots include curies of every description - brocaded and embroidered silks, ivories, bronzes, suits of armour, swords, photo-albums, dressing gowns, &c., &c., many of which are valuable and rare works of art. One of the specialities of the sale is the collection of ancient Japanese tableaux, by the Old Masters of Jupan. They mostly represent the temple worship of the Japanese and are works that are seldom seen outside Japan. It is impossible to enumerate the many strikingly-beautiful articles laid out. We can only recommend those interested to go and inspect the collection, which is worth going to see, even

successful competitors at the Regatta of 1887. The prizes were laid out on a table. was enclosed where seats were set for ladies. A goodly number of ladies and gentlemen were present at the ceremony. The prizes wore distributed by Mrs MacEwen, the Each recipient as he advanced was loudly Major Ellis, whose crew carried off the prize for the International race and the The Indo China Stoam Navigation Co.'s than five prizes, was cuthusiastically cheersteamer Wingsam, from Calcutta, left ed. The prizes consisted of handsome may be expected here on or about the silver cups, silver plate, &c. The American Cup, however, got melted into a cheque H.M.S. Oronfes left Singapore on the 14th for \$120. The prizes for the International inst; and may be expected here on the Race did not arrive on the ground, and The P. & O. steamer Zamberi left Bombay the winner had to be contented with anassurance that they would be forth-Liverpool, left Singapore on the 16th mony Mr. Stewart Lockhart presented a instand may be expected here op bouquet to Mrs MacEwen in the name of Level Tramways Co., Ltd.; at No. 36, The Glen Line steamer Glenorchy, from the Club and thanked her for her services, London, was to leave Singapore on the adding that they trusted she would preside for many years on such occasions, and that she and her husband would be long connected with the Club. Cheers were then given for Mrs MacEwen, for the President; Mr MacEwon; the Hon. Secretary. Mr Stewart Lockbart; the Hon. Treasurer, Mr R. J. Wright; and the ladies.

> r is not unlikely that next year the question of the setlement of the A'ghan frontier on the upper Oxus will be taken up between the English and the Russian Governments.
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> As available information regarding the politics and geography of that region is extremely limited, the two Powers will in all probability, as a preliminary to the demarcation of the frontier line, send a joint Commission to investigate such matters on the spot. In connexion with the general scheme for the internal defence of India, plans are now under consideration at headquarters for the construction of defensive works for the protection of the chief bridges on the main lines of rallway.

4,387.5.9 7 % for 1885 12½ % dis., sellers \$53, buyers 1,492.91 61 % for 1 yr. 59 % prem., buyers on Board. 1,527.3.11 bonus for 54 \$130 per share, buyers, fully 678 94 55 half year \$185 ... ex div., nominal 13,781.53 6 % for 1 year \$152, sellers ex div., nominal buyers 8131, sellers \$43 per share, sales

Noon. - Priam leaves for London. Auctions.

9 p.m. - Meeting of Perseverance Lodge, Miscellaneous.

I At debit,

125,771, 29 8 % for 1886 | \$210 328,567.46 \$27.50 for '85 \$390, buyers . 243,738.44 \$ 6 for 1885 #19, buyers 5,9 1.80 7 % half year \$209, buyers

\$47, nom.

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12 % for 1886 254 "

DECEMBER 17, 1887.

Clusing thuitations,

Vash.

FRIDAY, December 23:-11 a.m. - Meeting of the Hongkong High-

H.K. & S'hai Bank.

4 p.m.-Kutsang leaves for Shanghai. 4 p.m .- Auction of Crown Land at Yau-

% prem., buyers 9 % prem., buyers 10 % prem., buyers

in British currency.

Tuesday, December 20 :--Junction of Pokfulam Road and Hil

to 31st Instant, inclusive

GERMAN BETHESDA CHAPEL -Service in

Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, 9 A.M. Mass and Sermon. 5.30 P.M. Hven-

twelve strokes with the rattan. ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Sailors Home, Sorvice every Sunday at 6 P.1

sentence was three mouths hard labour.

if one has no ulterior object of purchasing. THE prizes were distributed this afternoon at the Pavilion of the Cricket Club to the and a small space in front of the Pavilion names being read over by the Secretary. port on the Oth instant, and may be cheered, a special ovation being given to Liverpool, left Singapore on the 12th German Cup, besides winning the Ladies' Parso. Mr Hayllar also, who won no less

good behaviour for six months. programme :--

COLLECTORS of Japanese curies and lovers

afternoon, before Mr Wodehouse, on the body of a man named Ngai Aluk, who was crushed to death in a quarry at Wanchai by a stone falling on him. Dr Marques sale the body, which had been brought to the Mortnary yesterday, bore the marks of having been severely crushed, and death have been instantaneous. Ngai Asom, stonecutter, said he knew the deceased, Ngai Aluk, who was a coolie, sged 46. On the 15th inst., about two o'clock witness was cutting a stone on the hill at earth from below the stone. After a short to deceased to clear out, but do so, and the stone fell upon him and killed him. The stone was about two feet and a half above where man or head-coolie looking after the men. The stone did not seem to be in danger of not it looked quite safely imbedded in the earth; deceased was told to go and cut away the earth from it, and he did so. The earth below the stone was being cleared away in order to get the stone out of its of the accident about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th from one of his Chinese constables, and he went to the place, which is off the Shau-ki-wan Road. He saw the stone and was of opinion that it was about four tons weight. It had been quite close to the bottom of the hill therefore did not fall far. The earth had been cut away from beneath it; in consequence of which it fell. The men were very careless in undermining stends in the same way, and there had been several accidents of the same kind. The first witness was not outting this stone, but might have been cutting one near it. The jury returned a verdict of 'accidental death.' The Coroner warned the master of the quarry, Tsang I, to instruct his coolies to be more careful in future in the matter of cutting | Mr A. R. Colquboun and Mr Holt S. Halaway the earth from under stones.

THERE is nothing like knowing what you want, and seeing that you get it. The advertiser who inserts the following sample of his moderate desires in a country newspaper seems a very clear-sighted, intelligent man, and might make a good Prime Minis-

'Wanted, Lodgings, by a B. A. - Advertiser wishes it clearly understood that none need apply who object on principle to fall in with his not excessive requirements, which include :—(1) punctuality in serving meals; (2) moderate quiet in the house; (3) dry toast thrice daily; (4) joints to be reasted (not baked), and chops and steaks to be grilled (not fried); (5) the free use of a latch key; and (6) the absence of a cat.

The 'absence of a cut? is perhaps a mere touch of sardonic humour. Only a backelor of standing could have such definite views about reasting and teasting and grilling. A man like this deserves to obtain what he desires, and all open-minded people will sincerely wish that he may get

THE DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE. - Not the least interesting of the Ministerial announcements made at the Guildhall was Lord George Hamilton's statement that l we are on the evo of an arrangement with the largest group of our colonies by which a special squadron, supported by colonia funds, will be added to the naval defence of the empire.' This is a step in the right direction and ought to prove the beginning of great things. The Home Government will never full to acknowledge its special responsibilities in regard to imperial defence: but the co-operation of the colonies has now become almost imperative; not so much on account of any penuniary assistance they can render, but because the exigencies of modern warfare demand the utmost amount of local preparation, which can only be carried out efficiently by authorities on the spot. The colonies first line of defence will always consist in the power of the imperial navy to defeat the. enemy upon the seas; but it would need superhuman vigilance to render it utterly impossible for a hostile cruiser ever to present herself at Port Philip or Port Jackson. -St James Gazette.

MARRIAGE IN THE OPEN AIR. - The marriage of Miss Purnell, a Baltimore heiress, with Dr. Elgin Gould, a leading Washington physician, was recently celebrated under conditions and with a mise-en-scene which sem to have been suggested by the openair performances of Shakespeare, first attempted in England some time ago, and since largely imitated in America. The wedding took place in the upon air, in the grounds of the residence of the bride's father. A carpeted platform was laid for the ceremony in the centre of a noble grove of forest trees. In the middle of the platform stood an alter covered with roses and lilies of the valley; while over it, suspended from mighty trees by ropes of smilax, was s canopy shaped like a cottage-roof and composed of flowers of brightest hue. All round the platform ran a deep edging of cut flowers, doubled at some distance back by a still deeper fringe of graceful foliage plants of fine proportions. All through the park and on the velvety sward were scatfored choice hot-house plants; and altogether the display scenes to have been in the highest degree artistic and effective.

Russian Bart - One of the first acts of for returning to his own domin ions will be attend the launching of a year powerful tronclad cruiser, which since July 1880, has been in process of contraction of the Baltic Works on the News. In general sepentance the new vessel, which is to be memed Family Azowa, will resemble our new Imperiouse, but the will be of \$ 983 materials of 7,300 tons displicanest and she will be less heavily armed than the B it sheable. Under the festering are of the prosent Car the Russian Davy s being lucrossed at a rate which, mintained the ta very few years, will profide the Must bern Empire with a fight ing feet of simust the first rank. inco the death of the late Emperor, nine heavy implied have been hid down and six have been handled. The imperial Navy now beledes no town first twonty-six sea-going populads 189 torong vessels, and a number of large crossers of modern type, belence ships Alegariv it ranks third in the total number of the wife war-vessels of all dieser, and fourth on the total number Coaster and Ecanos possess stronger fleets of it heavy guns affort. Only our own

An inquest was held at the Mortuary this THE Indian Government have entrusted That Melbye showed a true sportsman's to the Abercorn Ship-building Company, Paisley, au order to construct and engine a powerful torpedo-boat for the harbour defences of Calcutta. The boat is to be 130 feet long, to have triple expansion surfice-condensing engines of 900-horse pow er, and the speed is to be twenty-three knots per hour. There will be eighty different engines for working the various dorartments of the boat.

AN ALARMING PREDICTION: - An American paper, the Fireman's Herald, predicts a terrible disaster in the oil regions of the United States, if the tapping of gas wells is allowed to go on at its present rate without Causeway Bay, and deceased was removing check or supervision of any sort. A fearful explosion of natural gas took place in China some two hundred years ago, it appears, time withess stopped to take a smoke and tearing up and destroying a large district, saw the stone was going to fall. He and leaving a large inland sea-that now known on the maps as Lake Fu-Chang. Should such an accident occur in the United States, there will be such an upheaval, the Herald believes, as will dwarf the most terrible earthquake ever known. The country along the gas-belt from Toledo deceased was working. There was no fore- through Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky will be ripped up to the depth of from 1,200 feet to 1,400 feet, leaving a chasm through which the waters of Lake Erie will come falling. -Witness could not say whether or howling down, filling the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and blotting them out for

ADMIRAL WILLES ON THE NAVY .- Admiral Sir George Willes, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, speaking at the municipal banquet in the town on November 9th, said Inspector Hennessy said he heard | the English fronclads being now in excess of the French the Government had ceased building them. He thought this was a wise determination, but if the money could be got a few more ought to be built. The Government were now concentrating their attention on building ships to protect commerce, and of these twenty-three were in course of construction, only three of which were being built in private yards. An experiment that had been made in Portsmouth Harbour showed that officers and men could be mobilised in three or four hours. He arged that there ought to be a better flow of prometion for lieutenants, who were now two hundred short of the proper number. Last year, in speaking of torpedoes, he stated that experiments had all been in. favour of the shipe; but later tests had disproved this theory. In the work that was being forwarded by the Admiralty it would be necessary to sweep away all such ships as the Excellent and the Vernon, and men must be trained on board sea-going ironclads. THE PROPOSED BURMAH CHINA RAILWAY .-

lett continue to press upon a stiff-necked

generation their great scheme for the deve-

lopment of British trade in the far East by

railway extension in and from Burms. This week Mr Colomboun has been addressing the Chambers of Commerce of London and Loads, and the Manchester Geographical Society. Moreover, the two indefatigable propagandists have published a large book with many maps and illustrations, in the form of a 'Report on the Railway Connexion of Burmah and China, to which Mr Hallett has attached a full and most interesting account of his Exploration-Survey. The other schemes for connecting Assam and Upper Burma and extending railways in Burma are also treated in this Book, and have been urged upon public attention in Mr. Colquboun's addresses. Our readers are familiar with the arguments used by Messrs. Columboun and Hallett. These gentlemen se with a clearness, which has a certain nervous intensity, what an immense apportunity there is for advancing British commercial interests in China, and whatever may be the opinion as to their proposed methods of opening the gates, there will be no two opinious that the Government ought earnestly to apply itself to the task of getting, them opened. The value of the pioneer work which has been dono by Mesers. Colquboun and Hallett can | That if launches are to be allowed to rush hardly be overestimated. They have, with much pluck and at to small sacrifice, on their own initiative, enabled the public mind to grasp the magnitude of the problem which has to be solved. - If a great opportunity is allowed to slip, it will be in apita of very vigorous and very hoble efforts. Such services as theirs deserve some substantial recognition at the hands of the Government and of the public -Overland

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR That the carnival on the water has been the attraction of the week, and has been

very successful, That the weather which is best for the rowers is seldom gladdening to the heart. of the yachteman, and sailing races in a landlocked Harbour are proverbially un-

That all lovers of true sport admired the clever handling of Naomi in Thursday's race, and regret that her sporting owner was not up to time at the start, so as to have finished the race before darkness set

That these delays cannot well be avoided where leading members of the community are concerned, owing to the great demands upon the time of commercial men. That Naomi again justified her owner's jugdment in Friday's race, in standing for Chung-Huo Island, when the slant came, gutting the ebb tide under her lee which hoisted her over to Cow-e-Chow Mark Boat in splendid style.

That an excited American was heard to exclaim over this piece of manor wring, 'Ain't she quite cumning now, and ain't old Four B's just making her hum !' That our Cousins came very near beating us in the International four-oars.

That they had two fine rowers in their boat and only wanted two more; but that they may count upon three hearty cheers when they show that they have got the best men.

That after the International race the stroke of the Scotch crew was plaintively asked, Where his Scotland found her fame ! to which he replied, 'Not there, not

there, my child.' That the gallant Major, the oldest stroke at the Regatta, is to be congratulated most bea-tily open his well-earned suc-

That I think Hayllar is the prettiest stroke of the lot, and well deserved the wine he got, with probably one more.

That pot-hunting is to be deprecated, but I was glad to see that the Juniors secured more than the usual share of Cups, and lought well for them.

spirit throughout, and deserved better treatment than he received from some of his crew.

That the way in which the competing boats were crowded this year by pufling and bywash-raising launches was worse than last season and was really a disgrace to

civilisation. That if the Police cannot keep a clear course, let us have an Ordinance empowering them to fine such sport-spoilers; That if only half the evils Dr. J. E. Taylor -the Government might thereby make quite an addition to the Treasury chest. That the sailing race for Merchant Ships' boats has apparently dropped out of notice, and should hardly find a place in future programmes.

That it has been sought to avert the coming Insanitary typhoon by tying up the tongue of the storm-bell, it is to be hoped without success.

That our kire Brigade arrangements here, although efficient as compared with former times, are, expensive enough to be more so.

That they might be brought much nearer perfection, did not red-tape and Government preferment stop the way.

That as Mr Brewer is thoroughly up to the work and takes a special interest in it he should be appointed Head of the Bri gade, and the pay of members during the fire season (winter months) should be in-

That a trained and capable mechanical engineer, with tact and 'savey' to knit the component parts into one harmonious whole, would be the mearest approach to a competent Fire Master we can have.

That the old war-cry 'Shanghai versus Hongkong ' is now played out ;-the circumstances and sconditions of the two places are totally different, though there are just as 'purty' men in the one place as in the other; and I speak from extended experience of both places.

That it is often an advantage to ! see corsels as ithers see us,' and this is how we appear to the intelligent outsider :quickly, or else put up more lazarettos. | chow Mark-boat as follows :-Your Society? well, seems to me you are not unlike the Australian dingogs! you all hunt in packs, and each pack keeps to its own range of hills-very nice no doubt, but that and your luxurious mode of living will land you in grief some day.'

That all the same, the public heart of Hongkong is a vory large organ, and few places can best us in the practice of that most excellent virtue, Charity; and long may it be so.

That the Auxiliary Flotilla might be utilised for the suppression of piracy, if our gunboats and Police launches are not intended to perform that duty.

That it is a pity Sir George Ferguson Bowen is not here to steer his favourite Flotilla to victory or elsewhere.

at Pedder's Wharf like bulls at a red blanket; as they have been doing of late. there will be less of life and property to chronicle ere long; and it would be well if the Customs' staff would remind their launch-men that Hongkong is not yet Ohinese territory ...

That the unofficial members of Council should be stirred up, and asked to put few more questions about the guns of the forts; as sundry muzzle-loaders have been arriving in the Colony of late.

That the Home Government may rest asaured that this community mean to have their guns by hook or by crook, even if they saddle posterity with the cost and have to make them on the spot.

That one would have imagined that the carrying out of a solemn obligation entered into with the Colony would have been more carefully and promptly attended to by the Imperial folks than it has been.

That the charge of a breach of faith was warmly repelled by the Home Government, but that no steps seem to be taken to show that the charge is not well

That a single Reina Regenta might at present rush our Harbour, sink the old Audacious, and play old Harry gens. ally, for all we could do to prevent it. That Russia, for instance, could arrange this little sensation for us, if she cared to do so; but that at present the Bear is we procrastinate.

That our French neighbours in Tonquin following order :have elaborated a most comprehensive tariff, ranging from pumelo-rind to broken glass, most delightful, no doubt, to the official mind, but admirably calculated to strangle trade and drive that of the time allowance. Islands to Singapore instead of to the nearest port.

That truth is stranger than fiction is THE EXPERIENCE OF THE THIRD ENGINEER again made manifest by Mr Nethersole's

That he bore up bravely against a succession of misadventures to which a less plucky spirit might readily have succumbed, modesty characteristic of a brave man, hands of the Chinese is pleasing evidence that they are becoming alice to their

That judging from the accounts of the passengers. My watch and I assisted to ing therefrom, it will be necessary to charge of them. I then went to my room rechristen the Pacific Ocean-

predicts for immoderate tea-drinkers befall them, the general public will be much strengthened in its opinion that good whisky is, comparatively speaking, a really harmless beverage.

That Mr Doxford has shown that, with the exe ption of France, Germany, Norway and Sweden, the whole of the rest of the world is dependent on the ship-building yards of Great Britain for its supply of Foreign Countries for last year was only 17 per cent, of the whole tennage added cheeks and damaging her slightly. She to the Registers.

adoption of steel for ship-building purposes has enabled us to distance all our competitors; that triple xpansion enannum on the cost of alexations; and that the watch-words for the future are to be 'stronger boilers, greater piston speed, forced draught, and reduction of

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VICTORIA REGATTA

THE YACHT BACE FOR MR. CHATER'S CUP. FOR YACHTS CVER 10 TONS -Entrance, 25. the Hou. O. P. Chater.

Mr W. H. Forbes' cutter, Naomi, . Mr M. Beart's cutter, Kathleen. Mr Potts' & Alr van Buren', cutter, The yachts started short's before one

o'clock and an excellent race onsued, At 2.15, between Green Island and Cow-You have a fine harbour and an elegant | i-chow the jachts were close-hauled on the city, and I do not wish to disparage port tack and well together, with a light either, but you had better drain pretty | S.S.W. breeze. They rounded the Cow-i-

> Naurai . All were then on a standing course for

Chung-hue mark boat with a fair wind and all sail set. On nearing Chung hue a breeze came away from the Eastward and Kathleen took in her kites and flattened sheets, heading up for the mark boat; Ngoni and Ariel following suit. Kathleen, being the first to feel the breeze, went off at a good pace, Naomi and Ariel being between the winds. Ariel came up with Naomi to windward but failed to maintain her position. The yachts rounded Chung-hue mark as follows :---

With a fairly good wind foom the Eastward all stoud up the harbour opposit Stonecutter's Island. Ariel would have done better if she had put up her working gaff-topsail and dispensed with her square header. When half way across the harbour and about abreast of the Gasworks Kath een and Naomi went about ! Ariel in the rear struggling on under a big gaff-topsail kept on till well over on the Hongkong shore, when she went about off Mesers Jardine Matheson and Co's Wharves, heading still up the barbour. Meanwhile Naomi bad eaten to windward and gradually drew shoad of Kathleen now about 300 yards to leeward. Kathlem was first to go about, Naomi standing on till well off Yau-ma-ti, when she went about, set her jib-topsail and headed up for the home mark with the wind well off the Kowloon shore. They rounded the buoy as fol-

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While running down Regatts Bay, the breeze fell light and gave the second and third boats a good advantage over Naomi. They rounded the mark boat off the Cosmopolitan Dock as follows :-

Ariel on rounding set her jib topsail bu

supposed to be wearing gloves—therefore had the misfortune to get it torn by fonling the cross-tree leg. They finished in the

Kathleen therefore was the winner

LOSS OF THE 'LORNE'

The following report of the wrock of the (late third engineer of the str. Lorne) ac- S. S. Lorne and the hardships endured by Hongkong yesterday by the Soochow :-December, on my way to the engine room,

who were sleeping on the hatch immediate-That the treatment he received at the ly set up a cry and made for the boats. held up my hand and told them 'all right.' which somewhat quieted them. Is went duties as hosts towards those who through below and relieved the second engineer. misfortune are thrown upon their hospit. About five minutes afterwards the chief ougineer came to me and said they could

form somewhat erroneous impressions as was making any water in the engine-room feel much better and could walk with more quhoun described the three lines w to how business is conducted in Ho g. or stoke-hole. The chief engineer reported kong if they give any heed to an adver- the bilges dry. Very shortly after this the tisement in your morning contemporary second officer called all hands on deck, and containing the following item: Patent my watch and I went up. When I reached the deck all was confusion among the weather the Parthia encountered on her hoist out two boats on the port side, and last trip to this, and the accidents result- the second officer was ordered to take and put on some more clothes, as I had nothing on but my singlet and over-all pants. I then went at, and I saw the gig on the port side had been lowered and was full of water, although still hanging in the tackle. and some passengers were in the water. The captain called out to those in the other boats to pick up these | cople. I then went to the starboard side and assisted the other Europeans in an attempt to get out the life boat, but the passengers crowding into her, and the ship at the same time fast settling by the head and having a heavy list to port. causing the boat to swing in board, it was impossible to get it out. We managed to swing her clear of the chocks once, as the tonnage, and the proportion built by ship rolled to starboard, but before we could lower her she swang back with the colling of the ship, striking the beat was not badly damaged, and wor tried again to hoist her clear. Had we That the same gentleman shows that our had proper assistance we would have

succeeded, but the sailors had all rushed into the port boats when they left, and we received the greatest kindness and attention cost of the railway, the entire British porhad only the passengers to give assistance, and they were not of much use. We next gines mean a saving of 30 per cent. per attempted to launch the No. 2 life boat, aft. on the starboard side, but not having suffi- third officer and second engineer having Government guaranteed interest at 4 per cient help we could not get her out. By this time the ship's deck, as far as the for- junks about. ward hatch, was under water, and she was sinking rapidly. The captain now ordered life belts and buoys to be distributed to passongers and others, and sent the third officer to blow the whistle for the second officer's boats to stand by us. At the same time we tried to reach the chart room to get rockets, but the ship was sinking so rapidly. the water now being up to the bridge, that we could not do so. We now cut the tackle of the boats and bade each other good bye, and the next instant we were all thrown into Time for tennage. Cup presented by the water by the ship sinking on port side. When I came to the surface caught hold of a bucket. Hearing the chisf officer calling for help I swam to him and gave him the bucket, as he had neither life-bolt nor buoy, while I had a life-bolt. I now made for the life boat No. 1, which was floating keel up, with her bottom broken, and a number of Chinese passengers, still living, underneath. On this boat I found the chief engineer, and we were shortly afterwards joined by the second engineer and the third officer. Here we remained for about half-an-hour, calling the second officer for assistance, but we got na reply. We tried to right the boat, but could not succeed. As the sens were breaked the captain's bont. At this time we time later the captain asked if wo were all there, and we replied all but the

ing over us, and washing us off the boat and seeing the captain, chief officer, and Ripley not far off, I proposed we should swim to their boat so as to be together. I was followed by the thir officer and second ongineer and we reachdid not miss the chief engineer. Some chief engineer, whom we never saw again We anxiously waited for daylight, believing the second officer's bouts to be standing by for us. All daylight, however, we so nothing except wreckage, and we counted eighteen persons clinging to it. We nex observed the tops of two hills, and saw b their gradually disappearing that we were drifting from land. We were now getting very weak owing to the boat frequently turning over us, almost beating the breath out of us. One by one the weaker of the Chinese dropped off, and about eight of pine o'clock our captain also disappeared. About this time the seas were getting higher, cuitaing the boat to turn over at shorter intervals. We next missed the chief officer who sank as the boat, was turning over About two hours afterwards, Mr Ripley the passenger, dropped off. The air vessels of the bout became nonttach which caused her to float up, making it very difficult to hold About 2 p.m. the third officer called n attention to a boat some two or three hundred yards distant. As she appeared in better condition than the wreck we were clinging to, it was proposed to reach bor

possible. I started off, thinking the third officer and second engineer were following, and I called out to the steward to come. After reaching the boat I looked round for the others, but could not see them, owing to the high sea, which would render it impossible for us to see each other unless we had both been on the creat of a wave at the same time. As soon as I recovered inyself I examined the boat and found her in good order. I kept watch for the others, but never saw them, Shortly before sunset

saw a junk, but although she was in sight a long time she never came within hailing distance. The land now showed up quite plainly, and I was in hopes by daylight to drift on to it. Early next morning, the 6th December, junk sailed quite close, which I hailed, and they brought their craft up to the wind and answered. As we could not understand each other, and it was not daylight at the time, they proceeded on their course.

daylight I saw quite a number of junks, and I hailed three, who were close by. They, however, simply looked at me and Mr Colquboun said that it had been the sailed on. I now pulled up the gratings object of the British commercial communiand bottom boards of the boat and made a ties for the past fifty years to open up the sail of them, breaking off a lath and using it | Shan States and South Western China to as a rudder. My progress towards the shore our commerce. Burms be regarded as the was now more rapid and I was in hopes of gate to Chins, and he considered that the reaching it by the afternoon. About 10 a.m. best route for a railway between Burma and a junk was close by, which I hailed, and Western China is from Moulmein to Ra. they bore down and picked me up. I tried heng, in the kingdom of Siam, across the to make them understand that there were mount in ranges which separate the Gulf others afloat besides myself. but failed. They took off my clothes and gave me dry Mch-Ping, from Raheng to King Hsen ones, and also water, of which was sorely in the valley of the River Mekong in need. By three or four o'clock in the and thence in a general northerly afternoon the junk brought up, and they direction until King Hung, at the fout gave me as much food as I could est, at the of the Yunnau plateau, is reached. same time picking out the choicest pieces of From Kiang Hung the line would climb fish for me, and they seemed pleased to see me est; they a ways attended to my wants frontier between the Shan States and Si first. Some time during the night I was China, and if carried further-as it might a awakened by their hoisting sail, and about be to Yim-nan Fu, the capital of Yun-nan, Hongkong So. 28. three hours afterwards we anchored at Tain. and onwards to the Yangtsze River-it Raiphong. 30.24 59 89. mup, where, after giving me a good break- would be constructed at the expense and Bolingo ... 30.01 78 - 88 2 b fast and some samehu, they took me ashere, under the supervision of the Chinese Go- Manila..... 29,90, 83 70, NE, 2 0 and about half-an-hour afterwards they vernment. This would be by no means the brought a man to me who could speak Eng. | most direct route between Burma and Was lish. I was feeling very ill, suffering from tern China. The valley of the Irrawaddy, weather is fine, cool and moderately damp. chills, and my legs word so swollen and at present the great channel of Barmese count of his escape from that ill-fated the shipwrecked crew is given by the third craimined from tops immersion that I could trade, is left out of account altogether, and engineer, Mr Nethersole, who arrived in sourcely walk. The man (Ah Kee) who Moulmain can only be reached by rail from

supper, to be taken on our way.

the following morning.

my guide Ah Kee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHERE IS THE SANIFARY COMMISSION To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL,

December 17, 1887. Sir,-Nothing apparently has yet been done with reference to the petition for inquiry into the cause of the fever in the Colony, and naturally the signatories and others are beginning to think that it is about time some steps were taken in matter. There has been some talk of Commission about to be appointed, consisting entirely of medical men, but I hardly think our new Governor would appoint Commission so constituted. They would no doubt inquire into the question to the best of their ability, but it would be purely from a medical point of view, and without the aid of the Sanatory Engineer must surely come to grief if they attempt the en gineering side of the question. There should also, I think, be at least one mem ber of the legal profession on the Commis sion, whose trained mind would greatly assist in conducting the inquiry and putting the questions, &c., into proper form. The only reason for not appointing an Engineer on the Commission seems to be that the Sur veyor General is strongly against it. In the first place, this is no reason, and in the second, if Mr Price is such a great and in fallible engineer and considers his work perfect, surely be should have no objection to being questioned by any or all of the other U. E's who he appears to sold in such contempt. Ought be not ra ther to court an inquiry, as by so doing he would be able to exonerate himself ? Does it not look as if he was afraid to be thus put through his facings, or is it terhaps that he has become exalted to such an extent that he cannot even brook the idea of having his professional skill so much as called into question? Whatever Mr Price's reasons may be for taking so much trouble to exclude all Engineers from the Commission, there can however be no reason for neil having one or more; and I am sure that the petitioners and the public will not feel satisfied without them and at least one legal

I have also heard it stated that certain doctors and engineers are not qualified because they signed the petition. In the first place, the petition merely asked for an inquiry, and that is therefore no ground for exclusion; and secondly, I think I need only remind Itis Excellency that Lord Randolph Churchill, who was the prime moyer in causing a special Committee to be appointed to inquire auto certain War Office matters, was not only appointed on the Committee but became Chairman. Why should not the Commission be nominated by the retitioners and confirmed by the Governor?

The Commission as rumoured now is certainly not one at all likely to do any good in arriving at the true course of all the fever that has become and still is so rife in the Colony, neither is it one to satisfy the petitioners, and I trust that ramour may be wrong and that our new Governor will show his desire not only to do what is right, but also to meet the views of the signaturies of such a representative petition, by appointing a really able Commission and invetting it with full powers in the matter, -

INVESTIGATOR

THE BURMO CHINESE RAILWAY PROJECT.

A special meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce was held on the 7th Nov. to hear a paper by Mr A. R. Colquhann, Deputy Commissioner for Burms, on the Railway Connection of Burma and China. of Martaban from the valley of the River the plateau towards Ssumao, on the N.

spoke English told me he had been employ- Rangoon by a very circuitous runte. In as boy on the steamer Atholl, belonging to order to develop the internal trade of Up-At five minutes past midnight on the 4th | the same company as the Lorns. He invited per Burma and to connect it directly with me to stay in his house until I was able to that of India, he proposes, in addition, the | and hundredthe. That his narrative is told with an air of I felt the ship strike, and the passengers Hoihow. Previous to parting with the kei range, which separates the valley junk coptain he gave me. 400 cash (40 of the Brahmaputra from the tributaries of cents), easying he would give me more the Irrawaddy. The route suggested is humidity of air saturated with moisture being he had it, and he wished me a from Chittsgong to Makum, thouce nor out 100. speedy passage to Hong ong. As soon as the Patkoi range, and through the Hoo-Larrived at Ah Kee's house I went to bed, kong Valley to join the railway lately proand he set about making me chicken broth, posed by Mr Crathwaite, Chief Commishis people washing and mending my clothes, sioner of Eurma, from near Sagain, opposhis people washing and mending my clothes site Mandalay, up the Moo Valley to Mandalay, take the best delouds, of driedling, rain, I log, a gloddy, and making me as comfortable as possible site Mandalay, up the Moo Valley to Mandalay, the basis I lightning, o overeast, p raising shorter.

I remained at Ah Keo's house on the 8th going, with a branch to Bhamo. With bequally, rain, send at the basis of the blander of significant. all day. He made some beef tes and cook. reference to the French projects to secure is dew (well. That people at a distance will be apt to get no bottom. The captain asked if she ed a beefsteak for breakfast. I began to the trade of South-Western China, Mr Col-

comfort. I proposed to start for Hoihow the Commission on Tongking Railways had laid down as of first importance. It was After a good breakfast of beefsteak and intended to make Tong king a market fruit we set off for Holhow at 7 a.m. on the where French industries would find open-9th, and by noon reached the town of Ni- ings for their products into China and the toong, where we called ano the Mandarin Sunn States under more favourable and told our story. He was extremely conditions than those of other nations. kind, offering us food and soldiers to guide We are thus now practically engaged us to the next Mandarin's, which I decline with the French in a railway race for the ed, as Ah Kee knew the road. The Man- trade of South-Western China. A common durin then gave me 1,0 0 cash and a pass- objective, Ssumae, was now the aim in view. port, and as I was anxious to resume our, and whoever gained the goal first would journey we started oil ag in at once. By enjoy a treat advantage, It was a case of sunset we reached the village of Taiwo, now or never. The best lines for railway where we put up at a hotel for the night. approach to South-Western China were the Ah Kee made a splendid supper of grilled French line from Tong-king and the British chicken, rice, sweet potatoes, and tea, one from Moulmain, via Raheng, to Saumao. which I relished greatly, as I had not caten The latter was the only one that could possibly compete against the French, and it After breakfast next day we started enjoyed four great advantages over the again, an hour before daylight, and walked Tong-king routes, inasmuch as it was nearer on until noon, when we stopped and took to the mother country than Tong-king by tice and boiled eggs. After a wash and an | 2,100 miles, and nearer to India by heur's rest we again went on, and at 5 p.m | 2,800 miles; it avoided the dangerous reached the town of Ling-on, where I navigation of the China Seas, and passhanded in my passport to the Mandarin ed through a rich, peaceable, and populwho gave me another passport and 500 lated country. He knew as a fact that ash. As the best for Posk-cheory was the French were not only at the just prepar ing to leave I had to hurry moment approaching Fgench finan iers, but d wn to the beach and get aboard, buying were actually approaching financiers in a little tea, sugar-cane, and oranges for London to socure a start in the construction of their lines. Mr Colquhoun described About 9 a.m. on the 11th I reached Pook. the inhabitants of the Shan States as heingcheong, landed, and proceeded at once to born traders; the province of Yun-nan, Hothow, which I reached at 11 a.m. hosaid, abounded in large, busy, and prot-Throughout my journey across country I perous towns and cities. I oming to the from the natives, and more especially from tion would be £2,531,250, and a section which passed through Siamese territory. I consider there is a bare chance of the would cost £2,107,5 0. If the Indian been picked up, as there were so many cent, on the capital required for the British. portion, the annual sum would be £101,250, but probably the botter course would be for the Government of India to guarantee the interest on the whole, and arrange with the Siamese Government for a drawback for the portion passing through Siamese territory. The whole line might be constructed in four years.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that her Majesty's Government should be approached with a view to their urging on the Government of India the great desirableness of conceding a guarantee to any responsible private enterprise which might be prepared to construct the approved lines. and further thanking Mr. Colquboun and Mr Hallett for placing the project in such a practical shape.

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And socks must be darned at the heel and the toe Aid his collars be white as immaculate snow, While she must be able to dress herself well And look just as stylish as any fine belle On less than a rich woman's gew-gaves would cost) She must help in his sanctum or else he is lost ! For who who can sensor as neatly as one Who knows just how deftly the seissoring's done? For not paper alone must the lady's shears know. But, to turn honest penales as onward they go, She should cut out some patterns of dresses or clouks And sew them together for wealthier folks, Whose whimsical fancies and wants will forever Be useful to some hamble, poor wife's endeaver; And so she can seissor both cloth and exchanges · As her duty from patterns to paragraphs ranges. And sometimes, aluek, when the editor's ill She should write up the leaders with mesterly skill. And if some choice local her puthway should cross, She should serve it with witty, original sauce. But more than all this; when the manuscripts come. With their great disproportion of clever to damb, She must read and return; or, when authors don't

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If against this strong union the mea grow afraid Or if gone on a spree or carousal or revel, This dear, useful wife should, of course, not the devil; .- American Exchange.

THE ROMANCE OF A THIMBLE. BY GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

Time and again I had noticed on 'Uncle' Dolson's chimney-pieco a small but very heavy sewing thimble, from which the. outer plating of precious metal had been stripped away and the heavy base of brass left battered, corroded and black. It stood partially hidden amongst a variegated array of bright ears of red and yellow corn, wisps of golden barley and extraordinary kernel of wheat, choice samples of the last year's harvest; and these mingled with some bits of old-fashioned delf and an antique image or two that botrayed the hand of the potter rather than the sculptor-such bits bric-a-brac as would make glad the heart of our devout methete of to-day had they been found on a like blackened and d sheveled mantle-piece in any corner of the old world, instead of in a pioneer dwelling on the banks of a Western river.

But the Thimble! There it stood, day after day, through spring, summer, autumo and winter, unmoved unless jostled an inch or two to right or left when the dry sceds were taken down for planting or another choice handful from the latest harvest was added to the stock. For there were no women folk around 'Uncle' Dolsen's domicile to execute a semi-annual mealstrom, otherwise known as house-cleaning.

And there 'Uncle' Dolsen sat, alone, when his day's work was done, in a great homemade arm-chair on a cushion of shriven corn husks, letting the simple incidents of his fifty years of rural life march past him in the dancing fire-giare, until the procession of events must have become as monotonous and mechanical as the movements of the wooden figures in the street musician's box, Everybody along the river knew that

'Uncle' Dolsen had had his early love . affair, for was he not single and occentric, but none knew the particulars of it, al. though the events had all transpired in the neighborhood. Though the course of his love had not run smooth its interruptions were not such as to catch the eye of the rural gossips; but to 'Uncle' Dolsen, sitting by the fire-side in the ancestral house, they were events that had turned the whole current of his life and made him an ambitionless and loveless old man.

'Unole' Dolson's earliest memories were of the intimacies that existed between his youthful self and the only other child of his father's household, a bright-eyed sprite of girl of about his own age, but so utterly unlike him in every feature and characteristic that it was almost impossible to regard them as brother and sister. The isolated country life of the two children was one in everything, Janet going with Van upon expeditions she would never have undertaken had there been any brothers or boy companions. As it was he became Jauet's hero as she became the object of all his boyish chivalries. Together they ongaged · in every task and every adventure, divided

every pleasure and shared every pain. It was thus until they had reached those first years of boy and girlhood when other love than that of brother and sister disturbs the fancies of our innocent days, and Van and Janet who had often declared, with childhood facility for adjusting all things, their intention to be man and wife when they grew big, bogan to realize that in the natural order of events they were likely to make other attachments that meant the sundering of that undefined bond that had the to the borning logs on the fireplace. so long kept them companions. But the Though he did not know that Janet would thought was set aside, as disagreeable ever have married him had she lived, he thoughts often are, with the hope that the day of separation might be far off.

The first great affliction of their lives was the death of their mother. Sincerely they mourned, and wept their grief out on each other's nacks, then tenderly counted over the little keepsakes and relics she had apportioned between them. Among them was a heavy metal thimble, religiously be- stage. - Arkansaw Traveler. queathed to Janet. Around its upper rim and somewhat hidden by the rolling edge was an inscription, 'To Janet from Roy,' This, the young folks considered, needed &c., in every part of the world. Goods explanation, for their father's name was and Outfits supplied at Wholesale prices. ness to know, even when the knowledge opportunity to consult him about it.

He told them that he and their mother had long contemplated letting them into a secret that the thimble half unfolded, but could never make up their minds just how or when the story should be told. Hesitating and postponing, his wife bad gone to her rest with the story still untold. No better opportunity than this questioning about the thimble might ever arise, and so

he would tell them. The good woman they had just laid away in the little samily burial ground on a dis-

| tant corner of the farm was the young widow of Roy McGregor, narrated their father, when he made a visit to the Selkirk sottlement, on the banks of the Chunel Ecurte, attracted thither by the wonderful stories of ghosts and witchcraft that once gave a continental distinction to that company of Scotch colonists. And he was a widower, with bat-band of crape scarcely taken on the faded tint of brown. They had each a child and the children were of one ago and it was as they talked of the poculiar cleverness of these respective babes that they grow interested in each other. That was the brief and simple story and it explained the inscription on the thimble. They were not brother and sister but by as-This revelation was a surprise to Van

and Janet, as the entirely unexpected always is; but to say that it in any way changed the position in which they stood in each other's affections at once would, be improbable. It was only as time went by that thoughts of the real interest in each other came to be outertained, and then were nover given utterance. Only in a vague way did Van sometimes vonture to think that somehow and sometime Janet might come to regard him less as a brother and more as a lover, and that their old fear of separation need never be realized. So time went by and our 'Unele' Dolson, then in the prime and vigor of young manhood, loved and waited, and while he waited, his thoughts were diverted from the common theme by a new and greater commotion .- In the heated councils of two countries there areso threats, of war, Bloodshed was impending. The trouble grew and increased until the people were up in arms. The Indians had been aroused to take sides in the quarrel, and 'Uncle Dolson, who had expected to go to the front, found himself bound to the first duty of a 100. home guard for Janet and his father. The Indians had had their warlike spirit stirred, but their ideas of alliance were not very well defined, nor their sense of military honor very strong. They struck a blow for plunder as often as for principlo, and at friend as readily as at foe when they could do it stealthily. When Gen. Harrison swept up the Valley of the Thames to be met and stayed by the Colonial forces under Proctor and Tecumseh, he left the little homestead of the Dolsens uninjured. But not so a few unallied redsking who loitered in his track for rapine and pillage. With no ground for interference with the household but the spirit of mischief that had taken possession of them, and no incentive to crime but the base passions and devilishness that Janet McGregor's femi-

first with stratagem and then with force. The two nien and the frightened girl defended their little domicile valiantly, Janet preparing the charges of ammunition while the men sought vantage points for putting those charges into the enemy with rifle, blunderbuss and such other arms as the isolated farm house afforded. The advantage was generally with the better marksmen in the house and one by one the small band of Indian maranders was being steadily thinned, when Janet announced that the aumunition was nearly exhausted. To husband it as much as possible their shots were made less frequent and more deliberate, while the Indians, mistaking this for weakening, became bolder and

nine charms provoked, they beset the house,

The last round of shot had been fired. and with it one of the most aggressive the attackers had been laid low. With wild yell for vengeance the others rushed upon the building and threatened, a handto-hand fight. Van's father kept the little board-shuttered window, while Van himself. with Janet crouching close behind him, kept the barricaded door, with the muzzle of his smoking gun still pointed through loophole that the removal of a piece of the and-clinking had made in the wall. painted brave was inspiring his siender force of three or four aborigines to a

combined assault upon the door, as Van Suddenly an inspiration seized the girl. Drawing from her bosom the thimbie that changed at each successive half hour to show her mother had given her, breaking it from the cord that always secured it about her neck, she tried it in the muzzle of Van's gun. It fitted as snugly as if it had been made for the place. Her speaking face and action conveyed the idea to Van without words. She filled the thimble with powder while he placed some in the muzzle of the gun. Then he drove the thimble home, capped the trigger, and, drawing another piece of the

clinking from the wall, took careful aim at the Indian leader and fired. He fell. His companions, surprised by this reopening of hestilities, looked demoralized. But at the same moment the attacking party at the other end of the house had succeeded tearing away the barricade from the window and Van had to go to the help of his father. As the window shutters gave way a whirling tomahawk came through the opening and struck Janet as she crouched upon the floor,

But the two men stood at the window, like the men who kept the bridge at Rome, and met every assault of the enemy from their vantage ground successfully, until, decimated and baiffed, the remnant of truscherous savages gave up the fight and drew off.

When the two brave men turned to Janet she was dead. The wound, not necessarily fatal, had been neglected too long, and the girl had bled to death.

Two days later there was another mound in the little farm burial lot that was consecrated afresh by two strong men's tears. But how about the thimble ! Why this: When some years after Van had occasion to remove a basswood tree that stood in the line of the shot fired at the Indian, he found a thimble imbedded in its trunk. It was blackened and almost shapeless, but it was u treasure in Van's eyes, and ever afterwards he kept it in some position where it might often meet his gaze. In later years it had found a permanent resting on the old mantle-piece, and "Uncle" Dolsen's fading sight seemed to the last to see in it a memory of the past that he colored and vivified to suit his mood as his eyes traveled from the manknow why he was a single and loveless old

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W. DOBURCK, Government Astronomer. Hongkong Observatory, December 16.

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Government Notification. . No. 56.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT. The following Rules regarding signalling at the Peak are published for general information. By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1883.

IGNAL STATION, VICTORIA PEAK, HONGKONG. 1823 Feet above Sea Level. 1. The Union Jack will be hoisted at the Mast Head when any vessel is being

2. The Commercial Code of Signals for all Nations will be used at the Station. 3. All Signals made by vessels in the MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, Offing will be repeated.

4. When Signalling to Men-of-War in the Harbour or in the Offing, a White Ensign will be hoisted at the Flagstoff, and at the Mast Head of the Man-of-War.

5. When a Steamer, or the smoke of a Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Bearing at the Yard Arm, and Distance off at the Mast Head, will be hoisted. If, when the vessel is made out, she is not a Mail Steamer; the Vessel's Distinguishing Flag will be substituted for the Compass Signal, and it will be kept flying until the Bhip anchors. The Distance Signal will be kept up fifteen minutes after the Steamer is made out. 6. If the Steamer is a regular Mail

Steamer a Gun will be fired, and a Ball over the English, French, or American Ensign, with the Distance off at that time, will be shown at the Mast Head. The Compass Signal and Symbol will be hauled down. The Ball and Ensign will be kept up until will be kept flying for half-an-hour, and the Distance off at those times. When the vessel is botween Green, Island and the North Point of Hongkong the Distance Signal will be hauled down. If the Mail Steamer is not in the Harbour when it is too dark to distinguish flags, a red light will be exhibited at the West Yard Arm, or green light at the East Yard Arm until sho

7. River Steamers will not be signalled. The approach of other Steamers from Macao or Canton will be made known by showing the National, or House Flag and Symbol

8. If a Flag showing that an Officer high rank is on board an incoming vossel, similar Flag will be shown above the Ball or the Flag alone will be hoisted at the

Mast Head. 9. The approach of Men-of-War and Sailing Vestels will be notified by their proper pany's Office. Symbols and National Colours, or House Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the

Note, The Distances of vessels will estimated from the Peak, and will be made by means of the Numerals which are attached to the letters in the table of Flags.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N. Harbour Master, de.

SUN AND TIDE TABLE FOR HONGKONG. (From The Hongkong Almanack.) DECEMBER.

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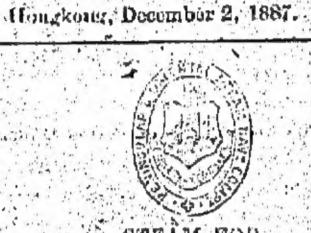
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